

Appl. No. 10/760,343
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REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claims 2-11, 13 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Official Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and also that claims 1 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, the claims have been amended as required by the Examiner and are now in condition for immediate allowance.

Applicants note the indication in the Official Action that in claim 1, "the head end of a seat" lacks proper antecedent basis but cannot find this phrase in the claim. The claims have been amended where appropriate to provide proper antecedent basis and to remove the acronyms as redundant. Accordingly, it has not been amended and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 3, 5 and 12 to overcome the 112 rejections and to give proper antecedent basis thereby obviating these rejections. Accordingly, it is most respectfully requested that these rejections be withdrawn. Applicants most respectfully submit that all the claims now present in the application are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112 and are clearly patentable over the references of record.

Applicants understand that the drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the reference sign "74" which is not mentioned in the description. Therefore either a proposed drawing correction, corrected drawings, or amendment to the specification to add the reference sign in the description is required. Applicants have added a description of the reference "74" which is believed

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to be fully supported by the specification as it would be interpreted by one of ordinary skill in the art to which the invention pertains. Therefore, this objection has been obviated. Accordingly, it is most respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

Applicants submit herewith the certified priority document 092134478 to complete the claim for priority. It is most respectfully requested that receipt of the certified priority document be acknowledged in the next Official Action.

The rejection of claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention has been carefully considered but is most respectfully traversed.

It is further noted that claims 2, 4, 6-10, 13 and 14 are indefinite since each depends from an indefinite claim. However, this aspect of the rejection has been obviated by the amendment to claim 1 and therefore claims 2, 3, 6-10, 13 and 14 should now be allowed.

Claims 1, 3 and 12 have been rejected as lacking proper antecedent basis. However, these claims have been amended to overcome the lack of antecedent basis rejections thereby obviating this aspect of the rejection.

Claims 1, 5 and 12 have been rejected for including acronyms enclosed in parentheses wherein only reference numerals should be parenthesized. Accordingly, these claims have been amended thereby obviating this aspect of the rejection. Accordingly, it is most respectfully requested that the 112 rejections be withdrawn in view of the amendments to the claims.


No prior art rejections have been issued against any of the claims and the references cited of interested. No further comments are believed necessary.

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In view of the above comments and further amendments to the specification and claims, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now present in the application are most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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